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REMARKS

Claims 23 to 29 are currently pending. Claims 23 to 29 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 to 9 of United States Patent No. 6,665,498.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(n) and 37 CFR 1.84(o) for merely labeling structural elements with identifying numbers without a suitable legend. The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not including "the data management circuitry" as defined in claims 14 and 22.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), enclosed is a terminal disclaimer the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,665,498.

The drawings of the application have been amended to include symbols for the elements, and a legend to more clearly identify the symbols.

Since claims 14 and 22 are no longer pending in this application and none of the pending claims include reference to "data management circuitry", Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

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As such, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are replacement Figures 1 and 2 (two drawing sheets), as explained in the accompanying remarks section.